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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification as follows:

Page 4, paragraph 16:

Fig. 1 illustrates an eccentric screw-type pump 10 of the Moineau type with a drive system 12 [[and]] a gear unit 14 that is connected via a hollow shaft to a driving shaft 16 an operating region 42 and a spare region 44 comprised of at least one further spare stator. The driving shaft 16 is provided with a seal 18 that prevents the product from penetrating into the region of the bearing 20. The flexible shaft 22 and the driving shaft 16 are fixed to each other by a screw connection, a shrinking connection or an adhesive joint so as to prevent relative rotation. The pump casing 26 is provided with an inlet tubulure 28 through which the product is aspirated into the eccentric screw-type pump 10. When the screw 30 is released and the quick-action device 32 is unclamped, the stator 38 in its entirety can be withdrawn as a single unit from the pump casing 26 and the drive system 12, simultaneously with the terminating tubulure 34, the rotor 36, the flexible shaft 22 and the driving shaft 16, and can be replaced by a new spare unit. The stator 38 as such consists of a deformable inner layer with an at least double-thread spiral for accommodation of the rotor 36 and a rigid stator envelope.